



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY! Did you know Father's Day originated in America? The rose is the official flower for Father's Day, which is celebrated on the third Sunday of June. Wearing a red rose signifies a living father, while wearing a white one represents a deceased father.

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CENTER SHAPING UP

LINCOLN CENTER READIES BUILDING FOR SUMMER CLASSES AS FIRST PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION NEARS COMPLETION

Parks Superintendent Alex Brown never imagined his job would entail watching concrete dry,

For the past several weeks, though, Brown has started and ended his workdays checking the moisture content on the floors in the new classrooms at Lincoln Center. The classrooms are a piece of the Phase I reconstruction of the community fitness and recreation center.

"We can't lay the special vinyl flooring we have purchased until the concrete has cured to manufacturer's specifications and that hasn't happened yet," Brown said.

A liquid pour and colder-and-rainier-than-normal weather are to blame, at least in part, for excessive moisture in the concrete. To remedy the situation, the town is renting industrial dehumidifiers.

The high water content has put a crimp in the park and recreation's moving plans. Originally scheduled for mid-June, Brown said the move could be delayed by two to four weeks. Fitness classes are planned to be held in the new building in August.

As soon as the transition to the new building is complete, Brown said work will begin to



A construction worker grouts the tile laid in a corridor of the new community fitness and recreation area at Lincoln Center.

demolish the old school and begin construction on Phase II, which will include new environs for the childcare centers housed at Lincoln Center and new park offices. Phase II construction will also include the remodeling of the existing kitchen, locker rooms and basketball/track area.

"This is just a minor hiccup," Brown said. "We are still on the timetable we had established before the project began. Anyone who has been by the center can see how beautiful the new facility is. It's even better on the inside." 🐦

INDIANAPOLIS BRIDGE PROJECT BACK ON TRACK

The state has committed highway funds to the Indianapolis Boulevard bridge reconstruction.

On the drawing board for more than a decade, the project is planned to reduce the hazards that have been posed by the elevated, curving bridge deck.

Public Works Director John Bach said he expects Rieth-Riley to begin work by the end

of June on the \$10.4 million construction project, which is expected to take two years.

"Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during construction," Bach said. "The Traffic Safety Committee will tackle the issue of how to keep cars out of the neighborhoods while the work is being done and keep traffic flowing smoothly." 🐦

SUMMER SEWAGE RATES

Summer sewage rates are in effect through Sept. 1. Clerk-Treasurer Michael Griffin said the seasonal rates guarantee residents are not unduly charged for watering their lawns, water that does not end up in the sanitary sewer system.

QUESTIONS? Please call the Clerk-Treasurer's office at (219) 838-1080.

CLINE RECONSTRUCTION

Motorists should find smooth driving when the Cline Avenue reconstruction is completed later this month. Public Works Director John Bach said a new water main was installed along Cline south of Wirth Road in late May. Final paving is scheduled for early June. "This is so much better than what we had a year ago," Bach said. "We are very pleased with the project. The contractor has done a good job and we were able to save some money early on because we closed the road to traffic."

OPTICOM INSTALLATION

Midwestern Electric has been awarded a \$290,000 contract to install the Opticom System at all traffic signals in town. Financed through a federal grant, the devices make it possible for traffic signals to be pre-empted by public safety personnel. When in use, the activation turns a signal green, allowing first responders to safely access an intersection.

NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

The town will use the 2011 allotment of Community Development Block Grant funds to repave a series of crumbling streets in Wicker Park Manor. Public Works Director John Bach said the federal grant program requires funds to be spent in neighborhoods, which are classified as low-to-moderate income. Highland's share of the federal grant program is \$113,500.

HIGHLAND FIREFIGHTERS GET TWO NEW TRUCKS

When two shiny new fire trucks arrived in May, no one was happier than Councilman Konnie Kuiper.

Bundled up to ward off the uncharacteristically chilly evening, Kuiper gave the new red-and-white trucks a bumper-to-bumper once over and declared them a perfect addition to the town's firefighting arsenal.

"These trucks were exactly what we needed at a price we could afford," Kuiper said.

The town was able to purchase the trucks at bargain basement prices — \$500,000 for the pair, about half the typical cost of the equipment.

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HIGHLAND PASTOR BREAKS DOWN BOOK OF REVELATIONS

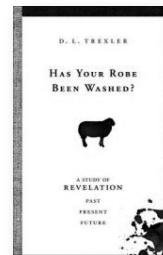
It was a punishment administered by his father more than 40 years earlier that has inspired The Rev. David Trexler to write a book about the Bible and the Book of Revelations.

“I was 11 and had done something I really shouldn't have done — I was mad at some people who were mad at my dad and threw water balloons filled with red dye on them. My dad's punishment: I had to read the book of Revelations and write a five-page report on it,” says Trexler, who is the pastor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3711 Ridge Road. “My dad was a pastor and thought that was a suitable punishment.”

He loved the story and found himself reading passages from the text again and again.

It would be another 30 years, though, before Trexler would study Revelations again, this time as a first-year seminary student.

“Ever so slowly, I started to interpret one of the most heavenly pieces of literature ever written,” he says. “Over the next decade, I began piecing together my interpretation in a language I hope most people can understand.”



ABOUT THE BOOK

WHERE TO BUY:

Has Your Robe Been Washed? is available online at www.amazon.com, www.BN.com and www.tatepublishing.com.

RETAIL PRICE: \$12.99

INFO: To learn more about Trexler or his book, please visit www.glorytogodhighland.com or www.hasyourrobebeenwashed.tateauthor.com

What started out as a lecture at his church in Jasper, Indiana, became a class that was taught at Vincennes University.

“I was always floored by the number of people who would come to the classes and the fascinating questions they would ask. People often imagine Revelations as a scary text. Nothing could be further from the truth.

“It is a book of hope to help us understand our past, present and future. It is a story that gives us options and shows us the outcome of our choices.”

POPA RECEIVES HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Pat Popa is the recipient of the 2011 Alice Burrell Humanitarian Award.

The Highland resident received an engraved silver box at a cocktail reception in May as part of Speaking of Women's Health, a daylong conference for women.

Barb Oliver, special events coordinator for Lakeshore Public Television, said Popa was chosen by a committee, based on her commitment to the community.

Criteria for the award include:

- Contributions to community and family;
- Dedication, compassion and generous in

giving of time, talent and support;

- Diverse involvement in the community; and,
- Support in innovative areas.

“Pat really represents all of those things, not only for the contributions she makes to Highland, but for those she makes throughout Lake County, especially in the local arts community,” Oliver said.

Popa said she was honored to receive the designation. “I was happily surprised when I was contacted about the Alice Burrell award,” she said. “It was a lovely event and I am humbled to have been recognized.”

sounds of summer

Sultry skies and oh-so-warm evening temperatures lend themselves to spending quality time outdoors and this summer should be no exception. Highland Parks and North Township have each created a roster of summer outdoor concerts to keep us entertained from now until Labor Day. Best of all, every concert will be held in town. Grab a comfy lawn chair and your favorite bug spray and get ready to head to the parks.

MAIN SQUARE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

WHERE: Main Square Park Gazebo, 3001 Ridge Road

SHOWTIME: 7 p.m.

ADMISSION: Free

AGES: All ages

INFO: Call (219) 838-0114 or visit us online at www.highlandparks.org

JUN 1	Community Band	<i>Classic & Modern</i>
JUN 9	Chicago Voice Exchange	<i>A Cappella</i>
JUN 16	Parrothead Express	<i>Tropical</i>
JUN 23	Neverly Brothers	<i>Rock 'N' Roll</i>
JUL 7	Eddie Blazonczyk & The Versatones	<i>Polka</i>
JUL 14	British Export	<i>Beatles Tribute</i>
JUL 21	Bopology	<i>Swing</i>

WICKER MEMORIAL PARK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

WHERE: Wicker Park Social Center Gazebo, 2215 Ridge Road

DOORS OPEN: 7 p.m.

SHOWTIME: 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$5

AGES: 21 and over

INFO: Call (219) 838-3420 or visit www.wickermemorialpark.com

JUN 23	Trippin Billies
JUN 30	Gone 2 Paradise <i>fireworks</i>
JUL 7	Dick Diamond & the Dusters
JUL 14	Final Say
JUL 21	The Relics
JUL 28	Bonfire
AUG 4	Neverly Brothers
AUG 11	KIST
AUG 18	Boyz R Mean
AUG 25	Foot 5
SEP 1	Hairbangers Ball
SEP 8	History's End
SEP 15	Visions of Santana <i>Mexican Independence Day Celebration</i>



WATCH THE PARADE

This year's Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshals are World War II Veteran Mark W. Trgovich and Vietnam War Veteran Shelby C. Covington. The twilight parade begins at 6:30 p.m. **July 2** at St. James the Less Catholic Church (45th and Kennedy), continues north on Kennedy to Highway Avenue and east along Highway to the park.

A kiddie parade will take place at 11:45 a.m. **July 4** in the parking lot across from Traditions Restaurant.

RUN THE MILE

This annual one-mile race kicks off the Twilight Independence Day Parade. All participants receive a T-shirt. Entry forms are available at Lincoln Center. Register race day at the School Administration Building. Open to all age groups, the race begins at 6:30 p.m. **July 2** at 40th Street and Kennedy Avenue. The fee is \$6 through **July 1** and \$9 on race day.

ATTEND THE FESTIVAL

The Fourth of July Festival begins at 4 p.m. **June 30** at Main Square Park.

JUNE 30	4 to 11 p.m.
JULY 1	4 p.m. to midnight
JULY 2	Noon to Midnight
JULY 3	Noon to Midnight
JULY 4	Noon to 10 p.m.

Ride bracelets are \$20 from 4 to 8 p.m. **June 30** and from noon to 4 p.m. **July 2 and 4**. They will be discounted to \$15 during Last Blast from 6 to 10 p.m. **July 4**.

ENJOY THE FIREWORKS

Fireworks will begin at 9 p.m. **July 4** at Homestead Park.

KNOW THE RULES

Fireworks are allowed between 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset **June 29** through **July 9**. The exception is **July 4** between 10 a.m. and midnight.

"We want residents to follow the rules and to be safe," Police Chief Pete Hojnicky said. "Fireworks can be very dangerous. Take every precaution to stay safe."

DANCE TO THE MUSIC

JUNE 30	Highland's Got Talent Bob Fedderson
JULY 1	Rightous Hillbillies Healing Sixes
JULY 2	Got Issues The Bad Example Old School
JULY 3	Ed Pakin Justin Roberts Take 5 Shy Violet Dancing Noodles
JULY 4	Bernie Glim Acousticats Blues Rock Texas Flood

HOOPING FOR FITNESS

Everybody can hoop, regardless of age, size or sense of rhythm. Exercising with a hoop works up a sweat, and like any cardio workout, can hit the reset button on a bad mood. You do not have to know how to hoop to begin this class.

WHEN: 11:30 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays, **June 7 to 30**

WHERE: Lincoln Center

FE: \$12 for residents and \$15 for nonresidents

INFO: Visit www.highlandparks.org or call (219) 838-0114.

NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

Join the Police, Fire and Public Works departments for hotdogs, hamburgers and lemonade. These professionals will discuss their jobs and allow visitors to tour their vehicles.

WHEN: 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, **June 21**

WHERE: Lakeside Park

INFO: Visit www.highlandparks.org or call (219) 838-0114.

HEALING ACUPUNCTURE

Learn the traditional functions of acupuncture to heal the whole body during this free lecture series. Licensed Acupuncturist Flora Arzanipour will explain how this ancient treatment heals a multitude of ailments, such as joint pain, depression, anxiety and more.

WHEN: 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, **June 22**

WHERE: Lincoln Center

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 15

INFO: Visit www.highlandparks.org

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Join Highland Parks and Recreation for an evening in the park to sit back, relax and watch "Despicable Me" on the big screen. The concession stand will sell popcorn and fountain drinks. Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair for comfortable seating.

WHEN: Movie begins at dusk Friday, **June 24**

WHERE: Main Square Park

INFO: Visit www.highlandparks.org or call (219) 838-0114.

STREET MARKET

The annual street market heralds the beginning of summer and features local produce and artisanal goods.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays

DATES: **June 11 through Oct. 15**

WHERE: Main Square Park

VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE: Local produce farmers and artisans who would like to set up shop at this year's market can rent space by the week, month or full season. Electricity is available for a nominal fee. Registration deadline is one week prior to selling goods.

INFO: For more details or to register, call the park office at (219) 838-0114.